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TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

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### 1. JAPANESE VISITORS (CONFIDENTIAL)

FOLLOWING THE SUMMIT PREPARATORY MEETING LAST WEEKEND, KEY JAPANESE OFFICIALS HAVE MET WITH A WIDE RANGE OF USG OFFICIALS TO ASSESS US POSITIONS ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC ISSUES. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAKI MET WITH UNDER-SECRETARY COOPER TO REVIEW MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL ISSUES. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN RAPID FOLLOWUP  
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TO SOME OF THE PROPOSALS RAISED BY PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA DURING HIS VISIT. MITI'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY HANAOKA MET WITH ALAN WOLFF AND DICK RIVERS, FRANK WEIL, TREASURY'S MUNDHEIM AND GARY HUFBAUER, EB'S KATZ AND BARRACLOUGH AND ERLAND HEGINBOTHAM TO DISCUSS JAPAN'S MTN OFFER, THE COLOR TV DUMPING CASES, AND THE TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE'S WORK. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT

HANAOKA WILL MOVE UP TO BECOME THE ITP DIRECTOR GENERAL THIS SUMMER).

ALTHOUGH WE ARE STILL PUBLICLY UPBEAT ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR DOMESTIC GROWTH IN JAPAN AND EXPRESS CONFIDENCE IN PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S ASSURANCE THAT THE 7 PERCENT TARGET WILL BE MET, SOME HERE ARE BEGINNING TO ASK JAPAN HARD QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER THE OBJECTIVE WILL BE ACHIEVED AND WHAT SUPPLEMENTAL MEASURES ARE BEING CONSIDERED.

JAPAN WILL PRESENT ITS REVISED MTN OFFER NEXT WEEK. WE HOPE THAT STRAUSS, USHIBA AND HAERKAMP WILL BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF AN MTN PACKAGE DURING THEIR JUNE 19 20 MEETING IN WASHINGTON. WITH COOPER, WEIL, KATZ AND HEGINBOTHAM IN THE LEAD, ALL THE USG OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED TO MIYAZAKI AND HANAOKA THE IMPORTANCE OF ACHIEVING SUCCESS STORIES IN THE TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE. DETAILED REPORTING TELEGRAMS OF THE COOPER-MIYAZAKI AND KATZ-HANAOKA MEETINGS WILL BE SENT TO THE EMBASSY.

## 2. MISAWA MINE STORAGE FACILITY (SECRET)

EA/J RECENTLY CLEARED A DOD REQUEST TO APPROACH THE GOJ TO BEGIN MILITARY-TO-MILITARY TALKS ABOUT CONSTRUCTION OF A MINE STORAGE AND HANDLING FACILITY AT MISAWA. THE FACILITY  
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WOULD HANDLE AND STORE MINES DELIVERABLE BY US OR JAPANESE P-3C'S, THUS ENHANCING AN IMPORTANT CAPABILITY TO HAVE IN CASE OF CONFLICT. ALTHOUGH VALUED AT ONLY ABOUT \$7 MILLION, THE PROJECT COULD BE SIGNIFICANT IN THAT IT WOULD REPRESENT AN INCREASING DEGREE OF US-JAPANESE MILITARY COOPERATION AT A BASE WHICH IS ALREADY USED JOINTLY. PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE GOJ WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

## 3. VISA PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY AMERICAN LAWYERS (LOU)

BECAUSE OF CONTINUING OPPOSITION BY THE JAPANESE BAR ASSOCIATION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW BY FOREIGN LAWYERS IN JAPAN, AMERICAN LAWYERS STILL ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING JAPANESE VISAS WHEN THEY ARE ASSIGNED BY THEIR FIRMS TO BRANCH OFFICES IN JAPAN. MOST RECENTLY, ELLIOT GEWIRTZ OF MILBANK, TWEED APPLIED FOR A VISA ON FEBRUARY 22 TO JOIN HIS FIRM'S OFFICE IN TOKYO. AFTER WEEKS OF DELAY BY THE GOJ AND SEVERAL INFORMAL INQUIRES BY EA/J ON HIS BEHALF, WE MADE A FORMAL DEMARCHE TO THE JAPANESE EMBASSY ON MAY 18 REQUESTING IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE OF THE VISA. THE GOJ FINALLY GAVE ITS APPROVAL, AND THE VISA

WAS ISSUED ON MAY 30. ALSO, LAWYER RICHARD WALLACE APPLIED FOR A VISA ON MARCH 7 TO GO TO TOKYO AS LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE FOR BAKER AND MCKENZIE. HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED HIS VISA, BUT WE HOPE THAT A FORMAL DEMARCHE WILL NOT BE NECESSARY IN HIS CASE.

4. NGO VISITORS (LOU)

YOUR MEETING TODAY WITH THE JAPANESE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING SENIOR OFFICERS OF ALL THE MAJOR LABOR CONFEDERATIONS, WAS IMPORTANT IN STRENGTHENING OUR LINKS TO THESE KEY GROUPS. AFTER YOU LEFT, EVELYN COLBERT AND I TALKED WITH THEM ABOUT UNSSOD, THE JAPANESE LABOR SCENE, AND US-JAPAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS.  
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I TOLD THEM OF MY CONCERN THAT TRADE ISSUES MIGHT BECOME CAUGHT UP IN THE CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN THIS FALL, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE GOALS OF THE STRAUSS-USHIBA STATEMENT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING TO AVOID THIS DANGER. VANCE

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